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Production at Zeiss Ikon (VEB MechanDr)  
in Dresden

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1. The VEB Zeiss-Ikon Plant at 1-3 Kirchhans-Strasse in Dresden-A 21 (U 52/F 29) produces component parts for ball defense controls and bomb sights, which are supplied to the VEB Carl Zeiss Plant in Jena (U 51/J 66) where they are assembled with other Zeiss parts into finished products.
2. The final 1952 production plan of the VEB Zeiss-Ikon Plant in Dresden has not yet been completed, but a partial schedule for the 1952 production of motion picture equipment has been set up. This schedule calls for the production of 260 Ernemann E VII-type cameras, 90 Ernemann E IV-type cameras, 125 Ernemann D 1-type cameras, 10 slow-motion cameras (Zeitlupenmaschinen), 275 TP-16-type 16 mm movie projectors, and 100 AK 16-type 16 mm movie cameras. Of this amount, 60 Ernemann D 1-type cameras, 5 slow-motion cameras, 65 TP 16-type 16 mm sub-standard film movie projectors, and 25 AK 16-type 16 mm movie cameras are scheduled to be produced in the third quarter of 1952. In the fourth quarter of 1952 65 Ernemann D 1-type cameras, 5 slow-motion cameras, 210 16-mm movie projectors, and 75 AK 16-type 16 mm movie cameras are to be produced. No figures are available concerning the quarterly production of the Ernemann E VII-type cameras and the Ernemann E IV-type cameras. The reported figures represent the total production schedule, including the requirements for the Soviet Zone of Germany and the export quota. The Ernemann D 1-type camera was shown at the 1951 Leipzig Spring Fair. It is an improved model of the Ernemann E IV-type camera. The production of the Ernemann E IV-type camera will cease when the production of the Ernemann D 1-type camera is started.
3. Almost all of the Ernemann E IV-type cameras scheduled to be produced in 1952 are destined for East Germany. According to Dr. Scoer (fna), the manager of the VEB Zeiss-Ikon Plant, an agreement was allegedly made with the Ufa Trade Company in Berlin-Tempelhof in late September or early October 1951 for this firm to handle the sales of the E IV and E D 1-type cameras.
4. The plant cannot produce enough motion picture equipment to meet the requirements of the Soviet Zone of Germany. At present, raw material supplies of the plant are completely inadequate. \*

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\* [ ] Comment. The reported plant is an enterprise of the VVB Mechanik. The plant also produces the Contax S miniature camera and gyro compasses. Large numbers of the Contax S cameras were delivered to the USA. The production data concerning the Ernemann D 1-type camera, slow-motion cameras, TK-16-type narrow film movie projectors, and motion picture cameras indicates that the production of these items was not started until the last half of 1951.

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